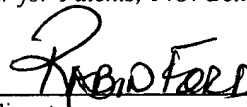


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number : 09/764,936 Confirmation No. 9936  
Filing Date : January 18, 2001  
Inventor(s) : Roland Eberlein, et al.  
Title : FASTENING ASSEMBLY WITH IMPROVED HANDLING  
PROPERTIES  
  
Group Art Unit : 3743  
Examiner Name : Kim M. Lewis  
Docket No. : 56483/B884 Date: December 13, 2005

**MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

**1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on September 14, 2005, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and  
\_\_\_\_\_ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on  
\_\_\_\_\_ via Express Mail  
\_\_\_\_\_ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8  
☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request  
\_\_\_\_\_ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Issue Fee has not been paid  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Pending (with review proceeding active)

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An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

**2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)**

**a. Previously submitted**

- ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on  
☐ Other:

**b. Enclosed**

- ☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
☐ Petition for Extension of Time  
☒ Other: Request for Acknowledgment of May 3, 2004 IDS, copy of IDS mailed May 3, 2004 and PTO Form 1449

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

**Application No. 09/764,936**

**PART I — BASIC FEE**

BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$395.00	Large Entity \$790.00	\$790
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**PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	12	*20	0	x \$25.00	x \$50.00	0
Independent Claims	3	**3	0	x \$100.00	x \$200.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$180.00	\$360.00	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$0
List Independent Claims: 1, 14 and 15						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.						
** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)

A check for \$790 is enclosed.

b.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed. ✓

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